

2nd Instructional Course for Facial Paralysis Reconstruction

第二屆顏面神經麻痺重建現場手術示範及講座國際研討會 Chang-Gung Memorial Hospital, Taiwan

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To Whom It May Concern:

This is an official announcement from the committee of the 2nd Instructional Course for Facial Paralysis Reconstruction that the course, originally intended for the April 13th-16th, has been cancelled due to the current Coronavirus epidemic. The outbreak of the Coronavirus infection in China has caused significant concern throughout the world, and has led to many travel restrictions and airline ban throughout Asia. Taiwan is indeed at the epicenter of this epidemic, and strict surveillance with high precautionary actions are been taken to control the spread of this disease. Currently, all conferences and large scale events involving the gathering of people in closed space are highly discouraged and some even prohibited by our governing officials and hospitals. Since the Coronavirus epidemic is still at a high risk level in Asia and new cases are still been reported every day, now showing no signs of slowing down, we have come to the conclusion that cancelling the course in April is the most appropriate action to ensure safety of our guests.

Many of our faculty and registered members have already booked airplane tickets, hotels and other travel related fees to attend this course in April. Due to the established fact that this Coronavirus outbreak is considered a natural disaster and traveling to Asia (especially near China) is highly discouraged, we kindly ask that our members can be refunded for their expenses if possible due to this unforeseen consequence.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely yours,

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